

Today's News - June 27, 2002

The usual Thursday Arts & Style sections were particularly bleak this morning (unless you want to know how well Martha Stewart is doing despite her stock travails). But there is still no shortage of news. UP's Life & Mind Desk (now, there's a great title!) celebrates Philip Johnson; Australian awards are handed out (and not handed out); calls to save the Guthrie Theater are still sounding; the relationship between skateboarding and architecture is explored (by an architect and former skateboarder who invokes Vitruvius, Le Corbusier, Peter Eisenman. Rem Koolhaas, and Bernard Tschumi; and London has big plans (and calls to change those plans) to make/keep it a competitive international city.

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[**Architect Philip Johnson is active at 96: dean of American architects...shows no signs of slowing down as a practitioner of his art who can still attract important commissions.**](#)- United Press International

[**Beijing's Largest Park Invites Tenders for Design**](#)- Xinhua News (China)

[**But Are They Learning? School Buildings - The Important Unasked Questions By Prakash Nair, RA, REFP**](#)- DesignShare

[**Architecture school \[University of Waterloo\] to have San Francisco link - Natoma Architects**](#)- The Record (Canada)

[**Commentary: Save the Guthrie: Great cities don't destroy great buildings, and great art museums don't destroy great works of art. So why is...Minneapolis allowing the Walker Art Center to tear down the Guthrie Theater? By Richard Moe - Ralph Rapson**](#)- Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

[**Houses miss out, but NIDA's \[National Institute of Dramatic Arts\] new home cuts the mustard: Sulman Award for public buildings - Hassell; Peter Armstrong Architecture \[links to list of all winners\]**](#)- Sydney Morning Herald

[**Commentary: And the award goes to ... anyone who can explain the architectural awards process By Elizabeth Farrelly**](#)- Sydney Morning Herald

[**Pittsburgh firm helps design colorful chip-making facility for IBM: A different clean room for Big Blue - IDC Architects**](#)- Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

[**Developer again shoots for the stars: wants to build a five-star \[\\$110 million\] establishment at Kiawah Island, S.C. - Cooper Carry; Smith McLaine Architects**](#)- Richmond Times-Dispatch

[**Why social housing should be beautiful: A Dublin architectural practice articulates its design philosophy in print as well as in its buildings.**](#)- Howley Harrington Architects- Irish Times

[**Royal Conservatory searches for lead donor: ...for the \\$50-million expansion and renovation it wants to undertake in 2005. - Kuwabara Payne McKenna Blumberg**](#)- Globe and Mail (Canada)

[**Noted architect says Manila should learn from Dubai: sustainable development was done without hurting the environment - Felino 'Jun' Palafox/Urban Planners and Consultants**](#)- Gulf News

[**A Skateboarder's Guide to Architecture or an Architect's Guide to Skateboarding**](#)- Loud Paper

[**'Green' government office: the Far North's most energy-efficient building and the region's biggest public art project. - CA Architects, Cox Rayner**](#)- Infolink (Australia)

[**Prospect of more World Heritage sites highlights site management problems**](#)- Central Europe Business News (Hungary)

[**Livingstone London Plan 'unrealistic': 20-year, £100 billion vision for the capital...could prove unachievable, according to his critics.**](#)- Architects' Journal (UK)

[**London School of Economics calls for massive reform of London's planning policy**](#)- The Architects' Journal (UK)

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